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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas on the morning of January 26, 2001, a devastatin and deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat is western India, killing untold tens of thousands of peo injuring countless others, and crippling most of the gion;

- Whereas the earthquake of January 26, 2001, has left the sands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, destroyed infrastructure;
- Whereas the people of India and people of Indian origin displayed strength, courage, and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake;
- Whereas the people of the United States and India have veloped a strong friendship based on mutual interes and respect;
- Whereas India has appealed to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community for the economic assistance to meet the substantial relief reconstruction needs facing that country in the afterm of the earthquake;
- Whereas the United States has offered technical and mon tary assistance through the United States Agency fo International Development (USAID); and
- Whereas offers of assistance have also come from the Gove ments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, China, Canada, and others, as well as countless nor governmental organizations: Now, therefore, be it
 - Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Sena
 concurring), That the Congress-
 - 3 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the cit 4 zens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India 5 the tragic losses suffered as a result of the ea 6 quake of January 26, 2001;
 - 7 (2) expresses its support for-

(A) the people of India as they continue
 their efforts to rebuild their cities and the
 lives;

4 (B) continuing and substantially increasing 5 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-6 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-7 national Development (USAID) and other relief 8 agencies; and

9 (C) providing future economic assistance in 10 order to help rebuild Gujarat;

(3)(A) supports the economic assistance efforts
of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank,
and the international community; and

(B) urges the President to use United States
influence with these bodies to expedite these effo
and

17 (4) recognizes and encourages the important as 18 sistance that also could be provided by other nation

19 to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

Passed the House of Representatives January 31, 2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.